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RELIABLY SELECTING BUS MASTERSHIP)
IN A FAULT TOLERANT MANNER)

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AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT

In response to the final Office Action, dated June 4, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes to amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.